



Imagine

jogging down Murphy's Bridle Path along Central Avenue in Phoenix, shaded by decades-old Arizona ash trees, buoyed by the greetings of your fellow early-risers without encountering a single cigarette butt, empty beer bottle or soft drink cup that's been carelessly tossed out of someone's car window the night before.

Or, imagine yourself

driving a beautiful stretch of interstate highway, passing through some of the most scenic desert on earth . . . without seeing plastic bags speared on the needles of cacti or Styrofoam fast-food cartons snared in the branches of palo verde trees.

This is *not* an impossible dream!

We can make it happen by educating Arizona's children (and adults) that littering is disrespectful, preventable and unlawful. It's a Class 3 misdemeanor, and offenders face fines up to \$500.

It's also costly. Last year, ADOT paid contractors \$2.3 million to remove litter from our highways. Couldn't we all find a better use for those taxpayer dollars?

Everyone in the state who drives an automobile should have a plastic grocery bag or two tucked in the glove compartment to use for stashing discards until they can be placed in a trash receptacle.

It's that simple. Really.

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